

## National Credit Union Administration

## § 791.5

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### Subpart A—Rules of NCUA Board Procedure

#### § 791.1 Scope.

The rules contained in this subpart are the rules of procedure governing how the Board conducts its business. These rules concern the Board's exercise of its authority to act on behalf of NCUA; the conduct, scheduling and subject matter of Board meetings; and the recording of Board action.

#### § 791.2 Number of votes required for board action.

The agreement of at least two of the three Board members is required for any action by the Board.

#### § 791.3 Voting by proxy.

Proxy voting shall not be allowed for any action by the Board.

#### § 791.4 Methods of acting.

(a) *Board meetings*—(1) *Applicability of the Sunshine Act*. The Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b, “Sunshine Act”) requires that joint deliberations of the Board be held in accordance with its open meetings provisions (5 U.S.C. 552b (b) through (f)). (Subpart C of this part contains NCUA's regulations implementing the Sunshine Act.)

(2) *Presiding officer*. The Chairman is the presiding officer, and in the Chairman's absence, the designated Vice Chairman shall preside. The presiding officer shall make procedural rulings. Any Board member may appeal a rul-

ing made by the presiding officer. The appeal of a procedural ruling by the presiding officer shall be immediately considered by the Board, and a majority decision by the Board shall decide the procedural ruling.

(b) *Notation voting*. Notation voting is the circulation of written memoranda and voting sheets to the office of each Board member simultaneously and the tabulation of responses.

(1) *Matters that may be decided by notation voting*. Notation voting may be used only for administrative or time sensitive matters, for example, enforcement or interagency actions requiring prompt Board action matters.

(2) *Notation vote sheets*. Notation vote sheets will be used to record the vote tally on a notation vote. The Secretary of the Board has administrative responsibility over notation voting, including the authority to establish deadlines for voting, receive notation vote sheets, count votes, and determine whether further action is required.

(3) *Veto of notation voting*. In view of public policy for openness reflected in the Sunshine Act, each Board member is authorized to veto the use of notation voting for the consideration of any particular matter, and thus requires that the matter be placed on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled Board meeting that is held at least ten days after the date of the veto.

(4) *Disclosure of result*. A record is to be maintained of Board transactions by use of the notation voting procedure. Public disclosure of this record is determined by the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552).

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#### § 791.5 Scheduling of board meetings.

(a) *Meeting calls*—(1) *Regular meetings*. The Board will hold regular meetings each month unless there is no business or a quorum is not available. The Secretary of the Board will coordinate the dates for meetings.

(2) *Special meetings*. The Chairman shall call special meetings either on the Chairman's own initiative or within fourteen days of a request from two Board members that is accompanied by an NCUA B-1 form and a Board Action